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1. FANK REPORTED THAT THE 80TH BRIGADE RETOOK THE LOVEK TRAINING CENTER IN FIGHTING ON FRIDAY NIGHT. THE ACTION CULMINATED A WEEK-LONG EFFORT BY THE BRIGADE, AND SERVED TO REINFORCE AND EXPAND THE GARRISON'S SOUTHWESTERN DEFENSE PERIMETER. THREE COMMUNIST SOLDIERS WERE CAPTURED AND A NUMBER OF WEAPONS WERE SEIZED DURING THE FIGHTING. COMMUNIST MORTAR ATTACKS ON GOVERNMENT POSITIONS AT LOVEK DURING THE DAY ON FRIDAY RESULTED IN LIGHT FANK CASUALTIES.

2. LITTLE CHANGE WAS REPORTED ALONG THE SOUTHERN HALF OF ROUTE 4 ON FRIDAY. FANK REPORTED TWO COMMUNIST GROUND ATTACKS AGAINST THE OUTPOST AT STOEUNG CHHAY, AND COMMUNIST ELEMENTS MAINTAINED PRESSURE ON THE OUTPOST AT KAAONG.

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3. AT PREY VENG, FANK REPORTED SEVERAL COMMUNIST GROUND

ATTACKS FRIDAY ALONG THE NORTHERN HALF OF THE DEFENSE PERIMETER AND SOME SLACKENING OF COMMUNIST PRESSURE ON THE SOUTHEAST. FANK PATROLS WERE ACTIVE SOUTHEAST AND NORTHEAST OF TAKEO ON FRIDAY AND COMMUNIST ELEMENTS PROBED GOVERNMENT DEFENSES ON TWO OCCASIONS. AT KAMPOT, FANK REPORTED SEVERAL COMMUNIST GROUND AND MORTAR ATTACKS AS WELL AS A GROUND ATTACK BY GOVERNMENT UNITS. CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED AS LIGHT.

4. IN THE PHNOM PENH AREA, THE FANK PARA BRIGADE REPORTED KILLING THIRTEEN COMMUNIST SOLDIERS IN FIGHTING FRIDAY ON THE EAST BANK OF THE MEKONG. A COMMUNIST 75MM RECOILLESS RIFLE ATTACK ON THE CITY OF TAKHMAU SOUTHEAST OF PHNOM PENH WOUNDED SIX CIVILIANS, THREE OF WHOM WERE CHILDREN. FARTHER TO THE SOUTHEAST ALONG THE MEKONG, COMMUNIST ELEMENTS CUT A SHORT SECTION OF ROUTE 1 NEAR KEAK LUONG. FANK UNITS HAVE LAUNCHED AN OPERATION TO RE-OPEN THE ROAD.

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